Stetson University
Fall Commencement

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Saturday, December 16, 2000
Nine O'Clock
Edmunds Center
DeLand, Florida

# Stetson University Commencement

# Program

President H. Douglas Lee, Presiding
Professor W. Wayne Dickson, University Mace Bearer
Professor Robert W. Weickel, Vice President Judson P. Stryker
and Vice President James R. Beasley, University Marshals

**Processional** — *Processional Fanfare* — Elgar Howarth

Stetson University Brass Ensemble
David Schmidt, Director

**Invocation** — Laura Walters Baskett, University Chaplain

**Welcome** — H. Douglas Lee, President

**Senior Address** — Julie Ann Gowan

**Commencement Address** — Terri Witek
Associate Professor of English
2000 Recipient of the McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Recognition of Honor Graduates** — James Woodward, Chair, Council of Deans

**The Conferring of Degrees** — H. Douglas Lee

**Installation of New Alumni** — Gary A. Meadows, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations

**Alma Mater**

Dear Alma Mater, smile upon thy children,
Gladly we greet thee, altogether lovely!
Peace be within thy classic halls and temples.
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Dear Alma Mater, tenderly thy children
Gather and bring to thee gracious salutations.
Comrades, your voices lift once again in chorus;
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

**Benediction** — Pope A. Duncan, Chancellor

**Recessional** — *Rigaudon* — André Campra

Stetson University Brass Ensemble

*A quiet room is available for families with small children. Please ask any usher.*

*The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional.*
*During the Recessional, please remain at your seat until all graduates have reached the exits.*

*There will be a reception in Hollis Center immediately following the ceremony.*

## Mission

Our mission at Stetson University is to provide an excellent education in an intellectually challenging and collaborative learning community. We pursue excellence through superior teaching, close student/faculty interaction, creative and scholarly activity, and programs solidly grounded in liberal learning. We seek academically talented students with leadership potential and records of personal growth and community service. We prepare them for rewarding careers, selective graduate and professional programs, and a lifetime of learning. Building on Stetson's Christian tradition, we pursue truth in an open and caring environment that is socially and religiously diverse. The university encourages all members of its community to be morally sensitive and effective citizens committed to active forms of social responsibility.

## Heritage

Stetson University, Florida's first private university, was founded in 1883 by Henry A. DeLand, a New York philanthropist, as DeLand Academy. In 1887, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted the Charter of DeLand University as an independent and autonomous institution of higher learning. The university name was changed in 1889 to honor John B. Stetson, the nationally known hat manufacturer who gave generously of his time and means to advance the quality and reputation of the institution, and who served, with Mr. DeLand and others, as a founding trustee of the university.

The first charter stated the objective of the university should be "to promote the general interests of education, and to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life."

Stetson's first president, Dr. John F. Forbes, clearly described the commitment to teaching, which has been a hallmark of the university throughout its history:

"Buildings, libraries and apparatus are good and give added power, but the vital contact of students with a vigorous and stimulating mind and heart – this is the *sine qua non* of a successful education... The most important thing is to find men and women of large heart and mind, apt to teach and full of enthusiasm and stimulating power... to develop in the student the habit of independent judgment – of investigating statements and principles for oneself, and thus for oneself discover their truth or falsity."

The men and women who comprise the university's current faculty would find nothing to dispute in that statement.

## Mace

The use of maces by corporations dates back to the 13th century. Maces were originally war instruments used for organizing mayhem and were carried by the sergeant-at-arms of the organization. In the European and in the older American universities it symbolizes the dignity and authority of the president and the corporation or the board of trustees.

Stetson's mace, designed by Episcopalian Canon Edward Nason West of New York, was presented to former president J. Ollie Edmunds in 1956 at the May Commencement ceremony. Canon West, of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, is a leading authority on heraldry and the ancient symbolism on which much academic protocol is based.

The mace is described here by the artist:

"Stetson's mace is designed so that anyone could easily place the university's geographic location and chartering power. The palm buds from Florida's state seal form a base for the head of the mace. The legend around the bowl makes the particular institution's motive clear. The crenulations constitute what is known as a "canting device" since they are a play on the Latin word "stet" meaning "may it stand." The anchor, heart and cross – repeated twice in ornamenting them – are taken from the seal of the City of DeLand. From the top of the mace rises the shield of the university. The mace takes its basic shape from the mace of the Baptist Long Parliament, thus signifying the Baptist roots of the university."

The mace was made by Daniel Spencer, master gold and silversmith, of William Comyns & Sons, Ltd., London. The firm was established in 1645 and examples of its craftwork can be found in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

## Medallion

The President's Medallion, worn at all official academic occasions, was cast for the inauguration of former Stetson President John E. Johns in 1969. The medallion, cast in silver, is the university seal embraced by a wreath of laurel.

## The Stetson Colors

The Stetson colors, green and white, were adopted about the same time as the seal. At the first commencement in 1893 the stage was decorated in Green and White. It is believed that the colors were chosen from the rich green of the orange trees and the pure white of the orange blossoms, a magnificent sight in the spring throughout Florida's great citrus belt. The color white represents purity and green signifies growth.

## Academic Attire

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession, such as the one which opens today's commencement exercises, is one of the impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and other officers of the university. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest illustrations of gowns worn at Oxford University in England somewhat resemble cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against weather. The American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

It is the hood that provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves – such as dark blue for Doctors of Philosophy. A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

## Faculty Colors

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| Arts, Letters, Humanities | White |
| Business, Accountancy | Drab |
| Economics | Copper |
| Education | Light Blue |
| Fine Arts | Brown |
| Journalism | Crimson |
| Law | Purple |
| Library Science | Lemon |
| Music | Pink |
| Oratory (Speech) | Silver Gray |
| Philosophy | Dark Blue |
| Physical Education | Sage Green |
| Public Administration | Peacock Blue |
| Science | Golden Yellow |
| Social Science | Cream |
| Social Work | Citron |
| Theology | Scarlet |

## The University Seal

The circular seal of Stetson University was first adopted between 1889 and 1891, about the time the name of the institution was changed from DeLand College to John B. Stetson University. It first appeared on a university catalog in 1891. The drawing was by an artist-in-residence and approved by President Forbes, Henry DeLand and John B. Stetson, as well as by the Board of Trustees. The Latin Motto, "Pro Deo et Veritate," is translated "For God and Truth." The Lamp, signifying the Light of Truth, rests on the Book of Wisdom.

The seal has been altered slightly several times in the course of Stetson's history. The current version reflects the university's new charter, dated 1995, officially changing the university's name from John B. Stetson University to Stetson University, while maintaining its most prominent and traditional elements: The Motto, the Lamp and the Book of Wisdom.

# Commencement Speaker

## Dr. Terri Witek

Dr. Terri Witek - teacher, poet, scholar and winner of Stetson University's 2000 McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor for a DeLand campus faculty member - loves writing as well as teaching, and blends the two comfortably.

An associate professor of English, Dr. Witek has been writing since childhood and loves to share her craft. "I like teaching to the moment when students suddenly start thinking different thoughts than they've ever had," she said. "You can practically see smoke coming out of their ears! I like to teach to that moment for myself, too – when the class together builds a series of stops that lead somewhere completely unknown. Teaching writing makes this all literal, of course – a word leads to a word leads to another world."

A colleague said she provides students with the freedom and desire to discover their own potential, and one of her students said that with Dr. Witek, "one does not have classes; one has amazing learning experiences."

Successful outside of class as well, she won The Center for Book Arts Letterpress Chapbook 2000 contest for her poetry collection, *Courting Couples*, to be published soon, and she will give a reading at The Center in New York City on January 11. She held a Florida Individual Artists Fellowship for 1997-98 and was a 1999 Pushcart Prize nominee. More than 50 of her poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *The New England Review*, *Southern Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Ohio Review*, *New Republic*, *Antioch Review* and *Three Penny Review*, among others. In 1993, she published the book, *Robert Lowell and Life Studies: Revising the Self*, a scholarly analysis of another writer's methods.

She earned her doctorate from Vanderbilt University, where she won the graduate student teaching award, and joined Stetson's faculty in 1989. A former Nell Carlton Professor of English, she won Stetson's Hand Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity in 1994, serves as faculty advisor for the literary magazine *Touchstone* and helped found the late-night series of poetry readings, "Poetry at an Uncouth Hour." She also oversees the Tim Sullivan Endowment for Writing, which promotes creative writing at Stetson.

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# Candidates for Degrees

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## Master of Arts

*Cindy Ellen Garber
Deltona, Florida

Carolyn Ann King
Sanford, Florida

## Master of Education

*Robin Marie Collins
Springfield, Missouri

Melynn Carter Hall
Eustis, Florida

## Master of Science

Judi Addelston
Winter Park, Florida

Lynn Deas Blackmon
DeLand, Florida

*Karin Danieley Boyer
Celebration, Florida

Jennifer Lee Brant
Daytona Beach, Florida

*Jennifer Elizabeth Burnsed
Longwood, Florida

Tamara Masters Byrd
Silver Springs, Florida

Diane Louise Castellano
Clermont, Florida

Barbara Johnson Corbin
St. Cloud, Florida

Laurie Beth Costello
Lake Mary, Florida

Philip Thomas DeAugustino
Palm Coast, Florida

Susan Kay Denis
Astatula, Florida

*Jean Anne Doyle
Winter Haven, Florida

Bonnie Jones Erickson
Tangerine, Florida

Alice Blackmon Foerster
Crescent City, Florida

Bette M. Goglia
Port Orange, Florida

Erin DuBose Hinkle
Orlando, Florida

Toni Lombardo Holland
Ormond Beach, Florida

*Jennifer Lynne Holliday
Winter Park, Florida

Dina Lynn Kolonoski
St. Petersburg, Florida

*David Francis March
Maitland, Florida

*Margaret Mary McKernan-Kaste
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dawn DeAnn Parr
Ormond Beach, Florida

*Sheila Ann Payne
Daytona Beach, Florida

*Joy Bernard Penney-Wietor
Kissimmee, Florida

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## Master of Science.....*continued*

Melissa Sue Prochaska
DeLand, Florida

*Carol Strawn Rad
DeLeon Springs, Florida

*Hawanya Serwaa Davis Render
Winter Garden, Florida

*Gail Judith Schulties
Orlando, Florida

*Suzy Raye Soliday
Winter Haven, Florida

Tori Leigh Terrizzi
Sanford, Florida

Natalie Dianne Tosi
Peoria, Illinois

Frederick Joseph Trent
Orlando, Florida

Sharidon Allison Wolz
DeLand, Florida

## Master of Business Administration

Dena Denice Andrews
Nassau, Bahamas

*Robert Douglas Bartels
Valrico, Florida

H. Daniel Berger
Lima, Peru

*Ginger Michelle Berry
Panama City, Florida

*Kenneth Travis Berry
Ocala, Florida

Mandy T. Bimes
Orlando, Florida

Nancy B. Brouillette
South Daytona, Florida

Joseph Anthony Caimano, Jr.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Kimberly Ann Campbell
St. Petersburg, Florida

Vincent Albert Citro
Port Orange, Florida

Corinne Kimberly Clark
New Smyrna Beach, Florida

*Beth Louise Clause
Dunedin, Florida

Neil M. Corbett
Orlando, Florida

Nicole Forbes
St. Petersburg, Florida

Joanna Garcia-Deering
Clearwater, Florida

*Justin Marshall Grow
Tampa, Florida

Joshua Kane Guthrie
Lakeland, Florida

Kimberly Ann Hudson
Orlando, Florida

Michael P. Infanti
St. Petersburg, Florida

*Monica G. Mendoza Jeancola
DeBary, Florida

Gina Renee Johnson
Ocoee, Florida

Michael Alan Johnson
St. Petersburg, Florida

Tolga Kisacikoglu
Kocagli, Turkey

Brenda Faye Kus
Clermont, Florida

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## Master of Business Administration.....*continued*

Harvey M. Lowell
North Fort Myers, Florida

*Jason Michael Lucas
Gulfport, Florida

Vanessa E. Magee
St. Petersburg, Florida

Kathie Jo Malti
Largo, Florida

Eunice Jenay Martinez
Chimayo, New Mexico

*Robert Craig Mayfield
St. Petersburg, Florida

*Sean Keith McQuaid
St. Petersburg, Florida

Elaine T. O'Bryant
Orlando, Florida

Clinton Paris
Tampa, Florida

Matthew Weston Peaire
St. Petersburg, Florida

*Robert H. Peterson
Gulfport, Florida

Jennifer Galloway Pike
S. Pasadena, Florida

Patricia Lynn Pomp
Longwood, Florida

Basilios Billy Poulos
Hudson, Florida

*Jill Nicole Pritch
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Travis Lynwood Satcher
DeLand, Florida

*Jason William Searl
Orlando, Florida

Wladimir Simosa
Orlando, Florida

Sharon Dianna Siskie
Orlando, Florida

Robert Charles Loyce Sorensen II
St. Augustine, Florida

Christopher W. Stua
Orlando, Florida

Danielle K. Taylor
Ocala, Florida

*James D. Thaler, Jr.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Kanokporn Torrungruang
Daytona Beach, Florida

*Carla Louise Turner-Hahn
St. Petersburg, Florida

*Louis M. Ursini III
Longboat Key, Florida

Francisco M. Valdes
Coral Gables, Florida

Randall A. Wainoris
Plant City, Florida

## Master of Accountancy

Marina Kazuyo Fukushita
Osaka, Japan

* Katie Lynn Hartzell
Port Orange, Florida

Jennifer Lynn Krull
New Port Richey, Florida

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# Bachelor of Arts

Brandi Fawn Aalderink
Fort Myers, Florida
Elementary Education

Matthew Woodbury Andrews
Hackettstown, New Jersey
Social Sciences

Ashleigh Dell Barnes
Jupiter, Florida
Communications

Andrea Diane Bernardini
Flushing, Michigan
Communications

Megen Nicole Bicknell
West Palm Beach, Florida
Social Science/Education

Jennifer Marie Blom
Deltona, Florida
English/Secondary Education

Whitney Stacel Boan
Indian Harbour Beach, Florida
Sociology

Kelly Gray Dye
LaGrange, Georgia
Sociology

Julie Ann Gowan
DeLand, Florida
Communications

Eduardo Jimenez
West Palm Beach, Florida
Political Science

Michelle Lynn Johnson
Deltona, Florida
Social Science/Education

Kyle Robert Kerner
St. Louis, Missouri
Communications

Karen Shakira Khan
Jensen Beach, Florida
Sociology

# Deborah Lancia
Palm Coast, Florida
Political Science

Ronald Thomas LeClaire, Jr.
Umatilla, Florida
Political Science

Mercedes Mazzer Lucas
Palm City, Florida
Psychology

John Charles Maple
Lakeland, Florida
Art

James David Marindino
Deltona, Florida
Spanish

*Maria Cristina Martinez
DeBary, Florida
Spanish

Emily Susanne Massey
Naples, Florida
Psychology

*Jennifer Leah Nelson
Daytona Beach, Florida
Psychology

Charline Bradley Nuss
South Daytona, Florida
Sociology

Kathy Marie Pelletier
High Springs, Florida
English

Catherine Michelle Proffit
Fanning Springs, Florida
Religious Studies

Kevin Christopher Snipes
Ormond Beach, Florida
English

Kathleen Duerr Snow
Woodstock, Georgia
English

Charles Andrew Tippin
Tampa, Florida
Theatre Arts

*Liesel Helen Wilbers
Columbus, Ohio
Sociology

Christopher Todd Williams
Gainesville, Florida
Digital Arts

*Julia Lynn Woods
Winter Park, Florida
Humanities

Mary Ann Jeanine Zissimos
Ormond Beach, Florida
English

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# Bachelor of Science

Layla Michelle Ballew
Winter Springs, Florida
Elementary Education

Kegan Todd Berner
Cape Coral, Florida
Environmental Science

*Marcelo Jose Blanco
Miami, Florida
Biology

# Amy Sue Brenner
Delray Beach, Florida
Biology

Deborah M. Ernest
DeLand, Florida
Exercise Science

Elizabeth Diane Forrester
Naples, Florida
Elementary Eduation

*Nancy Elizabeth Garcia
DeLand, Florida
Computer Science

*Ruth Angelica Gotay
Apopka, Florida
Exercise Science

Hollie Elizabeth Hale
Vero Beach, Florida
Biology

Karl Herbert Kletzing
DeLand, Florida
Biology

JoLea Elizabeth Lewis
New Bern, North Carolina
Exercise Science

Andrea Richelle Luce
Seminole, Florida
Psychology

Elizabeth Vail Macbeth
Sebring, Florida
Exercise Science

Amber Renee Martin
Destin, Florida
Elementary Education

Geoffrey Mitchell McCallum
London, Ontario
Exercise Science

Amanda Kaye Miller
Ocklawaha, Florida
Mathematics

Evan Rouleau Peck
Jacksonville, Florida
Exercise Science

Michael Robert Poole
Clearwater, Florida
Sports Administration

Douglas James Pugh
DeLand, Florida
Sports Communication

*Charisse Marie Rosier
Naples, Florida
Computer Science

*Charrice Nakia Sewell
Deltona, Florida
Exercise Science

Heather Christine Teasley
Ormond Beach, Florida
Exercise Science

Jennifer Rae Van Etten
Fort Pierce, Florida
Exercise Science

Jacob Henry Vogel
DeLeon Springs, Florida
Sociology

*David Raymond Whiteman
Edwardsburg, Michigan
Computer Science

*Courtney Summer Wills
DeLand, Florida
Biology

Carrie Elizabeth Wilson
St. Petersburg, Florida
Psychology

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## Bachelor of Music

*Daniel Curtis Cilli
Sharpsburg, Georgia
Vocal Performance

DeOnzell LaFran Green
Orlando, Florida
Music

Patrice Janet Scanlon
Orlando, Florida
Music with Digital Arts

*Heidi Janine VandeMark-Swale
Watertown, New York
Vocal Performance

*Angela Ann Warbritton
Casselberry, Florida
Orchestral Instrument

## Bachelor of Music Education

Franklin Ross Taylor
Altamonte Springs, Florida
Instrumental General

Jeremy Allen Williamson
Naples, Florida
Instrumental General

## Bachelor of Business Administration

Kjell Andre Holstad Aasheim
Rade, Norway
Economics/Finance

Heidi Lozano Albacete
San Cristobal, Venezuela
Finance/International Business

Diana Laine Barrie
Jensen Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Kerrie Lynn Beer
Erie, Pennsylvania
Computer Information Systems

Kimberly Marie Bleach
DeLand, Florida
Marketing

Christopher William Boss
Vero Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Alana Joy Brown
New Smyrna Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Thomas Merrill Cornell
Sebastian, Florida
Marketing

*Justin Marshall Dechene
Boxford, Massachusetts
General Business Administration

Margaret Grace Dobson
DeLand, Florida
General Business Administration

Roderick Gregory Eustatius
DeLand, Florida
Accounting

Sean Michael Finn
Dublin, Ireland
General Business Administration

*Gabriel Lynn Gehret
Waterville, Maine
Management

Cedric Gil
DeLand, Florida
Marketing

Allan Michael Gilliard
Longwood, Florida
Computer Information Systems

Paul R. Harris
Fort Myers, Florida
Management

Patrick John Hartnett
Holly Hill, Florida
General Business Administration

Holly Ann Heidtbrink
Chesterfield, Missouri
Finance

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# Bachelor of Business Administration.....*continued*

*Probyn Ellsworth Inniss, Jr.
Basseterre, St. Kitts
General Business Administration

Martin Christopher Johnson
Madeira Beach, Florida
Computer Information Systems

Gwendolyn K. Johnston
Bunnell, Florida
Accounting

Ian William Jones
DeLand, Florida
Marketing

Ihtiyor Bakhtiyorovich Kutliev
Bukhara, Uzbekistan
Management

Muhiddin Madaminov
Uchkuprick, Uzbekistan
Finance

John Charles Maple
Lakeland, Florida
Marketing

John Michael McCully
Daytona Beach Shores, Florida
General Business Administration

Stephanie Marie Milner
Orlando, Florida
General Business Administration

Rustam Atavanovich Nurmedov
Urgench, Uzbekistan
International Business

Todd Edward Perrotta
Port St. Lucie, Florida
General Business Administration

Jenell Marie Rausch
Brooksville, Florida
Management

Noemi Renteria
Pierson, Florida
Management

Tiffany Tennile Rhodes
Atlantic Beach, Florida
Finance

John Sutherland Robertson III
DeLand, Florida
Management

Jason Christopher Shipley
Altamonte Springs, Florida
General Business Administration

*Wendy Marie Smith
Columbus, Georgia
General Business Administration

*Ranell Margarette Tinsley
St. Petersburg, Florida
General Business Administration

*Marlyn Bradley Tompkins
Live Oak, Florida
General Business Administration

Thomas James Underwood
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Amy Lynn Weber
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Jason A. Weiss
Kissimmee, Florida
Accounting

Christopher Shane Willis
Seville, Florida
Computer Information Systems

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# Graduation Honors

## Summa Cum Laude

Evan Rouleau Peck
Kevin Christopher Snipes
Jason Allen Weiss

## Magna Cum Laude

Whitney Stacel Boan
Michelle Lynn Johnson
Andrea Richelle Luce
Carrie Elizabeth Wilson

## Cum Laude

Kerrie Lynn Beer
Jennifer Lynn Blom
Jenell Marie Rausch
*Charisse Rosier
Franklin Ross Taylor
*David Raymond Whiteman

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